

## **WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MINUTES**

### **July 9, 2012**

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in regular session in the Lower Level Conference Room of City Hall on July 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Commission President Corrigan called the meeting to order and presided.

PRESENT: Commissioners Corrigan, No, Kirkpatrick, and Shafer.

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Attorney Brooks and Deputy Chief Leroux

ABSENT: Commissioner Troyer

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked for approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2012 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shafer. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### Chief's Report:

Deputy Chief Leroux announced that there was a 19% decrease in calls in June primarily due to the students being gone. Some of the activity for the month of June is as follows:

- 1) Detective Greene gave an internet safety presentation to 65 children from military families around the area. This was a part of a joint partnership called Camp Purple.
- 2) Officer Shepherd spoke to 14 local Girl Scouts about bullying. Officer Shepherd also held the monthly drug take back day and took in over 400 pounds of prescription medication.
- 3) The West Lafayette Narcotics Unit followed up on a tip from WeTip and the end result was the arrest of two subjects on Felony charges and the officers seized 200 grams of Marijuana and \$3500 in cash.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Commission President Corrigan called upon Deputy Chief Leroux to discuss the new name of the next applicant for the replacement of Matthew Thompson. The merit commission had provided a name of Daniel Young as the next applicant at the June meeting. Deputy Chief reported that when he contacted Daniel Young, he declined due

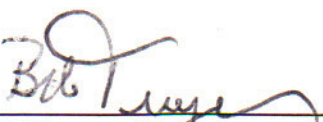
to his family situation. After Mr. Young declined, Deputy Chief Leroux contacted Merit Commission Attorney Brooks for the next name from the list which was Brandon Bonnell. By Merit policy Mr. Bonnell's background check was refreshed and the physical agility test as well as the polygraph. Mr. Bonnell passed all areas of testing. The Merit Board has to offer conditional employment to Mr. Bonnell. Commissioner Kirkpatrick made a motion to offer Mr. Bonnell an offer of conditional employment pending PERF approval. Commissioner No seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was announced by Commission Attorney Brooks that the list of applicants to pick from for new hires has been depleted. Commissioner Corrigan questioned whether the Commission should evaluate Article 2, the hiring process. Deputy Chief Leroux discussed Article 2 and believes in his opinion, and the Police Department's opinion, that the process is cumbersome and would like to propose changes to it. One of the areas in question is if WLPD's test scores needed to be higher to be in accordance with LPD and Purdue's criteria for test scores. WLPD's policy only requires a score of 70% to be a passing score. There was discussion about the exam itself. Commissioner Kirkpatrick has several questions in regard to the exam that Deputy Chief Leroux and Commission Attorney Brooks answered for her. Commission President suggested that a committee be formed to re-evaluate and possibly suggest changes to the hiring process and testing of potential applicants. The committee now consists of: Deputy Chief Leroux, Lieutenant Watson, Commissioner Kirkpatrick and Commissioner Shafer.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved that the meeting be adjourned and Commissioner No seconded it. It was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The next meeting will be held on August 13th, 2012.

  
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Bob Troyer, Secretary

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Don Corrigan, President